Setting up of Womens welfare boards in States

822. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have recently issued any direction to State Governments regarding the setting up of women's welfare boards in States; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and State Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Plans for involvement of Women in National Development Programmes

823. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce new plans to involve women in national developmental programmes during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRSEKHAR): (a) and (b) Information is being collected from different Ministries.

National Highway No. 8

824. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to improve the stretch of National Highway No. 8 running between Bhilwandi and Abu Road in Rajasthan where a number of industries have been set up;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated for the purpose during the current year; and

(c) the work that is proposed to be undertaken during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Presumably the Honourable Member desires to know about improvement of National Highway No. 8 connecting Bombay, Ahmedabad and Jaipur with Delhi, of which 685 kms. passes through Rajasthan. However, both Bhilwandi and Abu road towns do not fall on N.H. 8.

(b) and (c) A sum of Rs. 830 lakhs has been allocated during the current financial year to the State of Rajasthan for improvement of all the National Highways including N.H. No. 8. A list of works being carried out and also proposed to be carried out on N.H. 8 in enclosed, [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 21]

Generation of Electricity

825. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present cost of generation of per unit of (i) hydro and (ii) thermal, State-wise, and the rate at which this is being supplied to the consumers (including industries); and

(b) the percentage of rise registered in the cost of generation and its supply in this sector during the Sixth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) The cost of generation per unit of electricity from (i) hydro and (ii) thermal and the average rate at which it is supplied to consumers state-wise based on the annual accounts for the year 1982-83 is given in statement.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.